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THUNDER AND SHOCK

Iron Pillars and a Sidewalk Charged With Electricity.

THE PEDESTRIANS DANCED

A Man by the Name of Barnaby or Murray, Recently From Anaconda, Accidentally Killed—Cases in the District Court.

Missoula, June 3.—The county commissioners were in session all day and spent the time auditing bills and the treasurer's accounts. In the county clerk's office the deputies were busily engaged in making out the county warrants for the past quarter.

Last evening Missoula was visited by the first electric storm of the season. The storm came up very rapidly from the west, and the whole sky was soon overcast by dark and lowering clouds. The lightning was quite vivid and the thunder heavy. The storm was of short duration, however, but while it lasted the rain came down in torrents. The weather is very cloudy and much cooler than it has been, and this fact tends to check any appreciable rise in the river. In fact, the water is now but four or five inches above the five-foot mark, an increase of five inches since yesterday.

The sidewalk in front of the Headquarters saloon, on West Front street, was slightly charged with electricity last night. Some of the electric light wires in that vicinity came into contact with one of the iron pillars supporting the front of the saloon and the electric fluid was by this communicated to the wooden sidewalk which, being very wet, served as an excellent conductor. Some of the passersby were made to feel its effect very perceptibly, and for some time the antics of pedestrians and dogs who attempted to cross the sidewalk were a source of amusement for the crowd that had collected. No damage was done and no one was injured, as the shock was not very strong.

Delayed trains No. 1 and 3 of yesterday arrived here shortly after midnight last night. They brought in quite a number of passengers for here and the Bitter Root valley.

Tom Cooney of the Northern Pacific land department arrived here on delayed train No. 1 last night and is registered at the Florence hotel.

The news has just been received of another fatal landslide. This time the logging landings of the Upper Blackfoot have claimed a victim. His name was Louis Murray and the accident occurred on Thursday morning last May 23, while he was in the discharge of his usual duties. In some way he slipped and was soon crushed to death. He was buried at Orono on Friday last. Some of his friends at the camp say his real name was Barnaby, and that he has a brother in Butte. He came from Anaconda two or three weeks ago. He was about 35 years of age, weighed about 200 pounds, was 5 feet 9 inches in height and was of dark complexion.

The district court convened at 9 o'clock this morning. Peter Charette, a native of Canada, made application for citizenship papers, and after proving his residence in the United States for five years and renouncing his allegiance, he was admitted to citizenship.

In the case of William Butler vs. the West Iron Mountain Mining company et al., the trial was resumed and all testimonies were finished. Upon the defendants praying the court to personally examine the premises it was decided to do so, and Judge Woody, with experts and others, will visit the disputed premises on Thursday, June 11, and the case will be argued on Friday, June 12. The court also ordered plaintiff and defendants not to disturb the premises in dispute or the workings there until after the court shall have visited them.

County Attorney Dixon filed information against George White, making the state of Montana the plaintiff, charging him with the crime of attempted arson in the first degree. White was brought into court by the sheriff for arraignment. His attorney, I. G. Denny, waived the reading of the information, and also waived the statutory time for pleading to the information. He entered a plea of not guilty as charged and the case was set for trial on June 6 at 9 a. m. His bail was fixed at \$500.

The case of D. R. Macley vs. H. W. McLaughlin, on application of plaintiff's attorney, was set for trial on June 9 at 9 a. m.

In the case of James H. Fussy vs. Frank G. Higgins, court ordered that Marshall & Corbett be entered as attorneys for the defendant. The case was set for trial on June 9 at 9 a. m.

Philias Loizette vs. Lovette Loizette et al.; this case came up hearing on the demurrer to the answer filed by the plaintiff. The demurrer was sustained.

In the case of the Steadman Foundry & Machine company vs. the San Martina Mining company et al., the default of the defendants was entered and judgment awarded the plaintiffs in the sum of \$1,202.50 and interest at 10 per cent. per annum from Feb. 22, 1893, also \$150 for attorney's fees, and the foreclosure of the lien was ordered.

Roxa Broughton vs. John Rankin. This case came up for hearing, and on motion of plaintiff to award judgment to plaintiff notwithstanding the verdict of the jury, after argument was taken under advisement by the court.

Court adjourned to convene at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Concealed Plunder.

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From the New York Herald.

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Butte News.

HERMANS IN HIDING

It Is Believed That He Is Somewhere Out of Sight.

IN JACKSON'S HOLE, MAYBE

Fresh Evidence Secured Every Day That He's the Murderer of Girls—Recovering Trunk and Articles.

The importance of the evidence against Pastor Hermans, the Salt Lake murderer, discovered in Butte, which has been appearing exclusively in the Standard, is recognized by the Salt Lake police who are gathering every bit of evidence left in this city by the murderer. The trunk of the missing Samuelson girl, which was sold to a Park street second hand dealer, and by him again disposed of, has been found in Spokane and will be brought back to Butte in a day or two.

The rather startling suggestion was made yesterday that there was a great probability that Hermans was hiding in Butte or some other part of Montana. According to the latest theory of the Salt Lake police, as stated in the Standard yesterday, the murderer was seen by George M. Nolan, a traveling man, on a Utah Northern train coming toward Butte a few weeks ago. The police claim to have traced him as far as Market Lake, which is near the Montana boundary line, but are inclined to believe that he is hiding in the Jackson Hole country or is being sheltered in a Swedish settlement in Swan valley. If he is not found there it is the opinion that he proceeded into Montana.

The Salt Lake Tribune yesterday had the following about the chase after Hermans:

"Detective Janney, Police Captain Donovan and George M. Nolan, Jr., left the Utah Northern train at Market Lake, Idaho, yesterday morning and, securing a team and driver, started without delay for the Jackson Hole country in pursuit of the man whom Nolan is so confident is Francis Hermans."

"Though Chief Pratt is disinclined to be too exacting in the trail, and the faintest glimmer of a lead is followed, the fact is, Nolan is in reality Hermans, he is hopeful that is really the fact. Nolan's confidence is inspiring and among all who are interested in Hermans' capture the mystery-clad trip of the traveling man and the two officers were discussed with much eagerness yesterday."

"The only investigations yet made are of a nature to strengthen the belief that Nolan is in a fair way to finger \$500 of state money for the capture of the fugitive. The man in question, according to the story, went by a German name, presumably assumed. At a hotel where the two men stayed, a comparison of the suspect's signature has been made with authenticated specimens of Hermans' handwriting. The penmanship of the signature on the register and that known to be Hermans' were pronounced to be very similar. This, however, may not prove so important as it appears at first blush, as a marked similarity of style characterizes the handwriting of nearly all educated Europeans, particularly those of Germany and the Scandinavian countries."

"Chief Pratt learned last evening that the baggage shipped here in the night of May 6th reached Kansas City, but he has not yet been able to ascertain what disposition was made of it. Hermans knew, however, that baggage was easily traced in a railroad, and if he purposed doubling back on his track nothing would be more dangerous than to check his baggage. His purchase of a ticket to Kansas City and the checking of his trunk and valise to that point would cause the search to begin there, particularly as he had a letter mailed from that city to Elder Mark, the most likely man in the world to begin the inquiry for him. If there was any motive for that false letter it was to cast dust in the eyes of the men who would soon, he realized, be his relentless pursuers."

"Presuming that he intended to double back and hid so his every action was marked by cleverness. Only a chance prevented its absolute success."

A special to the Herald from Superior, Wis., where Hermans formerly lived, seems to upset the theory that the murderer is either in Idaho or Montana. It says: "Rev. Francis Hermans, the alleged Salt Lake murderer, was in Superior three weeks ago, and remained several days, visiting at the homes of his former parishioners and other acquaintances. He came here directly from Kansas City, but told friends he had previously been at Decorah, Iowa, the home of his third wife's parents. He stopped while here at the residence of Rev. Mr. Searby, pastor of the Steel Plant Norwegian-Danish church. He said his trip was principally for the purpose of collecting money for the Salt Lake church of which he was pastor. He did not collect over \$50 in the city. He told one friend that he had collected \$200 in Minneapolis and intended to get more there, as well as in St. Paul, when he returned. After that, he said, he would again go to Decorah to visit a few days and go from there back to Salt Lake in time to be present at the district conference which was to meet within a couple of weeks. He said he had some idea of visiting Chicago, but thought he would not remain in Utah very long, as the work was too much for him. He left without saying goodbye to his host and hostess."

A Salt Lake paper finds something to criticize in the fact that Rev. Mr. Melby, who was with Hermans when the latter sold the trunk of clothes to the Park street dealer, did not know then that the stuff could not have belonged to Hermans' second wife. He had claimed, because the second Mrs. had been a short woman and the clothes sold were so evidently those of a tall, slender woman. The fact is, however, that Mr. Melby had never known and had never seen Mrs. Hermans and knew nothing about her until after Hermans had sold the clothes. When he learned of it Hermans had left town, but even if he hadn't the discovery would have amounted to nothing for Mr. Melby's suspicions were no more aroused than those of Hermans' Salt Lake friends at that time. No one suspected the eloquent preacher of being a murderer and so little a matter as the size of some old clothes sold to a second hand dealer would hardly, any circumstances, have been sufficient to direct suspicion toward a preacher of Hermans' standing, though there appeared a discrepancy in his statement concerning the articles he sold."

The Salt Lake chief of police wrote Chief Tebo a few days ago for a description of the articles belonging to Miss Samuelson, which had been found in Butte and asking if they could be secured if necessary. Chief Tebo replied yesterday giving a complete list of the articles as follows: Zinc trunk, two pairs of shoes, black trimmed hat, beaver cloth jacket, silk mink-trimmed jacket, brown shawl, black dress trimmed with black satin, green cloth dress pattern, heavy plaid skirt, red satin waist, outing flannel wrapper, white dotted skirt, white dotted waist, not made up, old gold knit sleeveless waist, two suits of underwear, several gingham and cloth aprons and a small cape. The shoes were bought from Spencer, Lynch & Co. of Salt Lake, and are numbered 329 and 6042. All of these articles will be turned over to the authorities by the persons holding them on being paid what they actually paid for them.

CHRISTENING A BLACK MARIA

Well Authenticated Story of How the Sinner Was Got Into Name. From the Kansas City World.

"How came the vehicles that are used for transporting prisoners to the workhouse to be named 'Black Maria'?" asked a bystander in the court at police headquarters yesterday. The graded door in the rear of the wagon, which is a four-wheeled affair and covered with canvas painted black, was swung open and several unfortunates bound for the workhouse from the police court to serve varying sentences for misdemeanors were loaded in. When about 15 men and women, black and white, had been squeezed into this wagon like sardines in a box the grate door was slammed to and locked and the horses headed for the institution presided over by Major Brant.

"The name of 'Black Maria'," said the historian, "originated in Buffalo, N. Y., all of 30 years ago, and the old name came about by a curious coincidence. Ever since then the term 'Black Maria' has stuck to workhouse vehicles and it has been adopted by every city in the land."

"Persons convicted of misdemeanors in Buffalo are sent to the Erie county penitentiary, which is located about two and one-half miles from the police court. As the city grew larger violations of the city ordinances and minor laws increased and to accommodate the pressure made on the penitentiary vehicle a larger and more commodious one was ordered."

"A square wood box 14 feet long and eight feet high was built and set on four wheels. Little lattice covered squares were put in the four ends of the box to admit of air and light, and the big door in the end was fastened with a heavy brass lock. The wagon went into service as it came from the shops, unpainted and unadorned, and its crude and unsightly appearance was a continuous source of comment."

"No one could be found who would furnish an explanation for the wagon not having been painted and people were beginning to get used to the homely vehicle, when one day it blossomed out in a coat of black paint. The color was chosen on the suggestion of Bob Sadler, a one-eyed, happy-go-lucky sort of a fellow, who drove the wagon, and who a few days before had had a lively scrimmage with a vicious woman prisoner, who was known to the police by the name of 'Black Maria.' She was a fat, portly, muscular mortal, and was a densen of 'Daisy's Dive,' which was located on the banks of the Erie canal and was the resort of thieves, thugs and evil women. 'Black Maria' was continually in trouble, and was never known to go peacefully to the station house. It always required from six to 10 policemen to handle her, and one day, when Bob Sadler undertook to put her in the workhouse vehicle unassisted she turned upon him and gave him an awful drubbing."

"Bob took his defeat good naturedly and philosophically, and in honor of 'Black Maria's' prowess he asked that the wagon be painted black and honored with her name. The authorities agreed and that is how the vehicles came to be named 'Black Marias.'"

THE MEN WHO LIVE ALONE

Ho, ho, ha, ha, the jolly men
Who live alone, my yes,
We have our homes—that is, I guess
The rest adopt a den.
That's like to mine, and have a place—
Up high sometimes, you know.
But that's a splendid thing to brace
A fellow up who's slow
At climbing—and they're not too small
Nor yet too large. Now, mine
Is snug and warm—except when all
The oil's burned out—and fine.
But, say my view across the street
Is well—disturbing—
Not so bad, because it's sweet,
And good, but every day
Or evening I can look across,
Through windows clear and bright,
And see a father romp and toss
His youngsters in the light
That glows from out his fire; and see
His wife look smiling on
And kiss the babies lovingly.
Until the picture fades!
They pull the curtain down, and then
I'm cheerful as a stone
And laugh—ha, ha, the jolly men
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